

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 30, 2002, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-identified application and amend the application, as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

16. (New) A method of offering a plurality of interrelated products through a plurality of interrelated websites, the method comprising:

establishing a first website having a first website domain name, the first website domain name including a common name portion and a first product name portion, the first product name portion identifying a first product of the plurality of interrelated products offered for sale via the first website, the first website accessible via an electronic communications network;

establishing a second website having a second website domain name, the second website domain name including the common name portion and a second product name portion, the second product name portion identifying a second product of the plurality of interrelated products offered for sale via the second website wherein the second product is related to the first product, the second website separately accessible via the electronic communications network; and

creating a website direct link between the first website and the second website, such that a user visiting the first website can move to the second website by selecting the direct link.

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17. (New) The method of claim 16, further comprising establishing a third website having a third website domain name, the third website domain name including the common name portion and a third product name portion, the third product name portion identifying a third product of the plurality of interrelated products offered for sale via the third website wherein the third product is related to the first product and is related to the second product, the third website is separately accessible via the electronic communications network; and wherein the first website includes a second direct link to the third website, the second website includes a third direct link to the first website and fourth direct link to the third website, and the third website includes a fifth direct link to the first website and a sixth direct link to the second website.

18. (New) The method of claim 16, further comprising creating a central site to take electronic orders, process payments, verify credit cards, confirm product orders, and query visitors to the first website and to the second website.

19. (New) A method of offering a plurality of interrelated products through a plurality of interrelated websites, the method comprising:

establishing a first website having a first website domain name, the first website domain name including a common name portion and a first product name portion, the first product name portion describing a first product of the plurality of interrelated products offered for sale via the first website, the first website accessible via an electronic communications network;


establishing a second website having a second website domain name, the second website domain name including the common name portion and a second product name portion, the second product name portion describing a second product of the plurality of interrelated products offered for sale via the second website wherein the second product is related to the first product, the second website separately accessible via the electronic communications network;

establishing a third website having a third website domain name, the third website domain name including the common name portion and a third product name portion, the third product name portion describing a third product of the plurality of interrelated products offered for sale via the third website wherein the third product is related to the first product and is related to the second product, and wherein the third website is separately accessible via the electronic communications network;

wherein the first website includes a first direct link to the second website and includes a second direct link to the third website, the second website includes a third direct link to the first website and a fourth direct link to the third website, and the third website includes a fifth direct link to the first website and a sixth direct link to the second website; and

creating a central site to perform at least one common commerce related service task for the first website, the second website, and the third website.

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20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the at least one common commerce related service task includes taking electronic orders for the first product, the second product, and the third product.

21. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the central site includes a hotlink to each of the first website, the second website, and the third website.

22. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the first product, the second product, and the third product are interrelated products offered by a common vendor.

23. (New) A method of offering a plurality of interrelated services through a plurality of interrelated websites, the method comprising:

establishing a first website having a first website domain name, the first website domain name including a common name portion and a first service name portion, the first service name portion describing a first service of the plurality of interrelated services identified via the first website, the first website accessible via an electronic communications network;

establishing a second website having a second website domain name, the second website domain name including the common name portion and a second service name portion, the second service name portion describing a second service of the plurality of interrelated services identified via the second website wherein the second service is related to the first service, the second website separately accessible via the electronic communications network;

establishing a third website having a third website domain name, the third website domain name including the common name portion and a third service name portion, the third service name portion describing a third service of the plurality of interrelated services wherein the third service is related to the first service and is related to the second service, and wherein the third website is separately accessible via the electronic communications network;

wherein the first website includes a first direct link to the second website and includes a second direct link to the third website, the second website includes a third direct link to the first website and a fourth direct link to the third website, and the third website includes a fifth direct link to the first website and a sixth direct link to the second website; and

creating a central site to perform at least one common service task for the first website, the second website, and the third website.